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"The hospitality of our country toward persons of other nationalities who, suffering from political persecution in their homeland, take refuge among us, is traditional. Therefore, following this tradition, the Mexican government will provide facilities for the establishment of a colony of political refugees of Israelite origin. The colony will be established in a zone to be determined, and will last only while a state of war continues which prevents the refugees from living in their place of residence, to which they will have to return once the war circumstances of persecution by totalitarian regimes has ceased.

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LABOR PARTY TRIUMPHS IN PALESTINE ELECTIONS; GETS 42 PERCENT OF ALL VOTES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Preliminary results of the elections to the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, made public today show that nearly 200,000 persons voted. This is about 72 percent of the total entitled to vote. Only 56 percent voted in the last elections to the Assembly which were held thirteen years ago.

Forty-two percent of the voters cast their ballots for the Palestine Labor Party which will probably get sixty-five seats in the Assembly. The Mizrahi, orthodox party, together with the Hapoel Hamizrachi, its labor branch, will probably have 24 seats, while 18 will go to the Aliyah Chadassah group. The Hashomer Hazair is expected to win between thirteen and fifteen seats, the Labor Unity Movement, which is the opposition group within the Jewish Labor Party, may get twelve, the general Zionist group "A" is expected to get five, while its youth organization the Hanoar Zionim may have seven. Four seats will probably go to the Women's Zionist Organization.

SABOTAGE OF ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES MOUNTING IN HUNGARY; HIGH OFFICIALS INVOLVED

-ZURICH, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- Sabotage of anti-Jewish measures by increasing numbers of Hungarians, including highly placed officials, is presenting a serious problem to the pro-Nazi Hungarian government, it is reported here today.

In the Carpathian town of Munkacs, in the section of Czechoslovakia seized by Hungary, the chief of police has been dismissed for releasing fugitive Jews who had been seized in the Carpathian Mountains while attempting to flee the country.

The Hungarian press complains that large-scale aid is being given Jews. Many persons have intervened with the authorities for Jewish friends, including hundreds of Christian lawyers in Budapest who interceded with the Minister of the Interior for Jewish colleagues.

The papers also disclose that two officials of the Budapest municipality were arrested for providing a Jewish textile wholesaler with forged baptismal and marriage certificates and even a false army paybook. They were also accused of assisting other Jews. One of the men jumped to his death from the third floor of a police building in which he was being interrogated.

Another problem facing the Sztroj government is the shortage of skilled workers as a result of the ousting of Jews from all professions and industries. The Budapest Engineers Chamber has protested to the government that ability and experience are being ignored in replacing Jewish workers.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT WILL NOT GIVE VISAS TO AMERICAN JEWISH MISSION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government admitted today that it has refused to grant visas to an American Jewish economic commission which desires to visit Palestine to make an economic survey of the country in connection with post-war migration and settlement possibilities.

Chief Secretary G. V. Shaw told a press conference that the government had decided that the commission's work was not directly connected with the war effort, and, therefore, would not issue visas to its members, but would attempt to supply them with the necessary reports.

The commission, which is non-Zionist and independent, is composed of Robert Nathan, former chief of the planning division of the War Production Board, Louis Bean and Oscar Gass. They have been attempting to secure visas for the last five months.

1,000 JEWS DWELT IN SECRET FOREST COMMUNITY IN NAZI-HELD TERRITORY; SUPPLIED PARTISANS

MOSCOW, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The story of how 1,000 fugitive Jews dwelt for two years in a well-established forest community in the Baranovici district of Byelorussia, in the heart of German-held territory, was told today by Henach Levin, a 15-year-old Jewish partisan who frequently visited the camp.

The residents of the settlement had fled from ghettos, labor camps, and concentration camps in the cities of Mir, Rakov, Slonim, Baranovici and the surrounding hamlets. Among them were 90 Jews who had escaped from a camp at Kildychev by an underground tunnel which they had dug secretly over a period of three months.

The forest community, which was under the protection of neighboring partisan bands, provided the guerrillas with shoes, caps, clothes and other articles which were manufactured in shops established by the refugees. Articles not required by the partisans were given to local farmers in return for food.

When the Red Army liberated the Baranovici district last month the settlement was liquidated and its residents, all of whom were safe and sound despite two years of hardship, returned to their home towns to begin the task of rebuilding their homes and factories.

PAN-ARAB UNITY CONFERENCE TO OPEN IN ALEXANDRIA IN SEPTEMBER, CAIRO ANNOUNCES

CAIRO, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The pan-Arab unity conference, which has been scheduled and re-scheduled, postponed and delayed for more than a year is now slated to open in Alexandria on September 25, it was officially announced here today.

Iraq, which had been reported as unwilling to attend, will be represented by Nuri es Said, its foreign minister. The composition of the Palestine delegation has not yet been decided upon because of the failure of the various Arab parties there to agree on a unified delegation.

CHALUTZIM IN ENGLAND GIVE CONCERT IN HEBREW FOR QUEEN MARY

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Forty young Chalutzim today gave an impromptu concert for Dowager Queen Mary when she visited their 1,000 acre farm in western England. The Queen was greatly impressed by the achievements of the farm which is growing cabbages and wheat.

NINE PERCENT OF JACKSONVILLE JEWS ARE IN ARMED FORCES, SURVEY ESTABLISHES

JACKSONVILLE, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Approximately nine percent of the local Jewish population is now in the armed forces, according to a preliminary survey by the Jacksonville Jewish Community Council. This percentage coincides with the overall statistics just released by the National Jewish Welfare Board Bureau for War Records, in which the general average for the American Jewish Community is given as nine percent.